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Re: Docket 98P-0203/CP

Dear Mr. Jaffe:

I am writing this letter to you to let you know that I strongly support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens.

Forcing hens to molt is cruel, unnatural and inhumane. In nature, hens replace old feathers with new ones each year and spend about four months dropping old feathers and growing new ones. During molting season, hens do not lay eggs which is unacceptable to the factory farms that are trying to make a profit (with no regard for the health and well being of the hens). Forced molting throws the hens' systems into collapse, stressing and shocking them into losing their feathers quickly and forcing their worn-out bodies into a new laying cycle. I urge you to **please** support the petition to **ban** the forced molting of layer hens on factory farms.

Thank you for your time and consideration today.

Cordially,



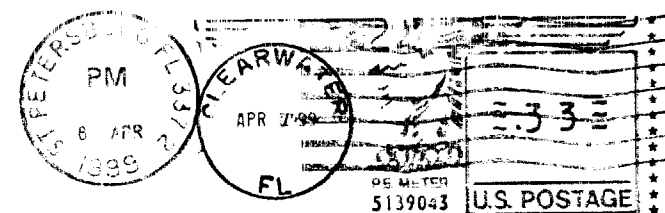
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